Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have risen to the highest echelon of achievement in their chosen fields of endeavor; and

Whereas, Carol Parker of Joplin has attained considerable journalistic distinction as the host of "The Carol Parker Show" and as Community Director for KSN-TV since 1973; and

Whereas, in her public affairs program, Carol Parker has interviewed such celebrities as Bob Hope, Dennis Weaver, Willard Scott, Don Johnson, "Today Show" hosts Lisa Meyers of NBC News fame, and numerous soap opera stars; and

Whereas, in addition to official travels throughout the Four State area and to New York City, Carol Parker has worked in Hollywood under contract with Twentieth Century Fox and appeared in the movie, <u>There's No Business Like Show Business</u>, where her dancing skills were put to good use; and

Whereas, a Joplin native, Carol Parker pursued higher education opportunities at Joplin Junior College and the University of Arkansas in preparation for her career; and

Whereas, Carol Parker has published several cookbooks and received numerous awards from a wide variety of community groups, including the March of Dimes which presented her with its Woman of Achievement Award for Contribution to Communications; and

Whereas, Carol Parker has now enhanced her already stellar record of achievement by earning the Missouri Southern State University's 2003 Pioneer Broadcaster Award in light of her significant contributions to the development of local broadcasting; and

Whereas, Carol Parker also deserves mention of her special status as the beloved wife of Jack; loving mother of Douglas Parker, Stephen Parker, and Dianne Schramm; and wonderful grandmother of eight grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar career accomplishments garnered thus far in life by Carol Parker and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon receiving an annual Missouri Southern State University Pioneer Broadcaster Award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Carol Parker of Joplin, Missouri.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4843, adopted December 16,

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker